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From: Abrahm Lustgarten <Abrahm.Lustgarten@propublica.org>
To: Betsaida Alcantara/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 03/19/2012 05:18 PM
Subject: Another urgent question on Dimock

Betsaida,

One of the water samples in Dimock contained a positive detection for benzo[a]pyrene at levels that exceed the EPA's maximum contaminant level. (detected .20 ug/L vs 0 ug/L MCL). I realize this is a minute amount, but the chemical is defined as such by the EPA and described as a probable human carcinogen that has caused tumors in animals.

How can the general characterization of the collective drinking water results be that they posed no health threat, given this detection?

If there is something I'm misunderstanding here, or detail that should be added, please let me know soon!

Thanks,
Abrahm